Theatre, " that with Couldock. We thought that this would be its last season, but its success has been such that there seems nothing for it but to keep it moving. "The Professor' has retired, but will be revived for a short tour in the spring. 'The Two Alpine Roses' will be done before a great while now. Even if it should be a pronounced hit, another one will probably be put forward before next summer or fall. We have been booking Live new plays through the country for next season and the failure of 'Delmer's Daughter's has left us short and its place will have to Daughter's has left us short and its piace will have to be supplied. I think that a change of policy will be made here shortly in the matter of plays. Mr. Mallery will probably attempt some stronger productions that have been the rule here and work toward another genuine suc-cess like that scored by "Hazel". Nothing of course will be sacrificed, or need be sacrificed, of the purposes of the theatre, and the cleanly, wholesome character of the plays will be insisted on with the same resolution that their literary merit is. We don't want carpenter's plays

MRS. LANGTRY AS AN ACTRESS. "Mrs. Langtry was exceedingly grateful," said J. P. Reynolds. Mrs. Langury's business manager, over the flattering notice of one of her Liverpool performances that THE tering notice of one of her Liverpool performances that Thir.
TRIBUNE'S London correspondent, Mr. Smalley, gave in one of his recent letters. The public understand, I think, that Mrs. Langtry makes her appearance this year as an actress and asks for criticism and judgment on her as an actress. She has studied her art faithfully, and she believes she has studied with some success. There is much curiosity to se her and to indge of what she has accomplished. The indications are that her engagement will be financially successful."

EFFECTS OF THE STANDARD FIRE. EFFECTS OF THE STANDARD FIRE.

The Standard Theatre fire burned in every direction. Mourice Grau's French Opera Company were to have opened there last Monday night. Mr. Gran's contract with his performers stipulated that he should not be resible for salaries in case of any unforeseen accident reventing the company's appearance. On the strength f this he decided to retain them for three weeks, but finally of this he decided to retain them for three weeks, but finally made an arrangement with his singers that they should perform at the San Francisco Comedy Theatre, and accept half salaries. If the engagement is a good one they will be paid in full. The rent of the house is \$8500. The business thus far has been good. "Peter," the Standard Theatre doorkeeper, also made his first appearance this week at the same house. The fire threw Frederick Bryton, the leading man of Brooks & Dickson's stock company, out of an engagement. The first original draft between the parties made no reference to fires or other accidents. Brooks & Dickson inserted the clause without opposition from Mr. Bryton.

LOYAL SONS OF WESLEYAN. THE NEW-YORK CLUB AT DINNER.

A PLEASANT GATHERING AND PLEASANT SPEECHES-COLLEGE DAYS RECALLED,

EVALUATION LAND REPLACED SECURITY.

The fifteenth annual dinner of the Wesleyan In the usual way; they were not progress, being day states by tunneling households and the susceptual region was controlled by the progress of the company and the susceptual region of the company and the The fifteenth annual dinner of the Wesleyan

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theology was now in the tadpole state, which explained its tendency to wriggle, but in its future state it might become more steady.

Dr. James M. King was called upon to speak on fashionable croseds. He said that many creeds were believed because of their autiquity. Other creeds were honcommittal, and did not interfere with daily duties, and knowed divine justice. Some set forth one form of punishment for the poor sinner and another form for the rich one, and these were popular. So too were creeds which inspired ministers to speak sweet and heavenly things over men who lived base lives but atomed for them by giving large sums for good works.

The next toast on the programme was "Old and New," to which General Clinton B. Fisk was asked to respond. In his remarks he said that he was well up in mines, and he wanted the students of Wesleyan to learn to decline mines—positive, mines; comparative, miner; superflative, miners. He made many humorous allusions to his alleged preparation for his speech.

Juige Reynolds, of the Brooklyn City Court, was next called on to speak of "Wives, Be the same mors or less."

Among other things he said: "The hand of the law should be put on the evil or Mormonism where it outrages decency. There is a possibility of a sort of Mormonism in this State under the decisions of the highest courts." He remarked that the sons of Wesleyan secured the best twives in the world because the university was educating wives. If a college pretended to educate women it should not keep them outside of the college walls, in an annex, but they should be given a fair field and no favor.

In response to the toast "Literary Men at Dinner," Professor C. T. Winchester said that the man of letters must be interested in life here to make it bright. Dinner and its social amentifies were one of the most important elements to this end. Dinner was a weighty mater, and, likemarriager, was not to be uned visedly entered into. Men of letters were never overfond of speeches at dinner, and many of them were wholly unable

young men.
e succeeding speakers were G. A. Carnochan, of the
of '81; William H. Eustis, of Minneapolis, Minn.;
Bandall, of this city, and Chester D. Hubbard, of irginia. Befere the dinner a business asssion of the members of

A DINNER IN HONOR OF GENERAL M'COOK

General Anson G. McCook was given a dinner last night at the Café Anglais, in West Twenty-eighth-st. b. friends in the IXth Assembly District, in honor of his recent election as Secretary of the United States Schale, Covers were laid for eighty persons. George B. Dehne presided and at the table of honor sat General Mo-Cook, ex-Governor McCook, of Colorado, his brother Senator Warner Miller, General McMahen and Emigra-tion Commissioner Start. Among others present were Senator Frederick S. Gibbs, Assemblyman F. B. House Alderman William H. Miller, ex-Police Justice Morganex-Assemblymen Corsa, Gedney, Duane and Campbell, ex. Aldermen Seeman, Jacobus and Ward, and Dr. B. F. Vos

The speaking began shortly before midnight. A series of resolutions were read, and when the guest of the even-ing was introduced the Idlewild Quartet sang "Mo-

the statement that "Greenwich Village is the Dearest Spot on Earth." R. M. Callard spoke to this resolution: "That we extend a cordial welcome to the noble army of dudes; that while we realize that 'art is long,' we are also mindful that 'time is fleeting,' and on behalf of a long-suffering community we respectfully suggest that the stay of this latest infliction be cut short."

Beveral other speeches followed.

E. H. KOBBE'S DEFALCATION.

HOW HE WAS TRACED AND ARRESTED. DETECTIVE PINKERTON'S STORY-WAS VAN ARSDALE

A CONFEDERATE ? A leaden cylinder about three inches in diameter and two feet in length, scaled at one end and having a brass cap at the other, and containing a piece of a stout broom handle, was exhibited yesterday by Robert A. Pinkerton as the latest addition to his col-lection of souvenirs of criminals whom he has successfully hunted down. To this trophy there attaches a tale which was briefly outlined in a dispatch from Chicago yesterday. It was taken last Monday from the cellar of a Brooklyn house. Wrapped around the broom handle were United States coupon bonds worth \$20,000. On Sunday Mr. Pinkerton took from a dry eistern in the back yard of a house in New-York a leaden tube bent double containing another package of Uni-ted States bonds to the same amount. ted States bonds to the same amount. These were a portion of the proceeds of \$65,000 stolen by E. H. Kobbe from Bamfield Brothers, provision dealers, of Liverpool, England. Their agents are Sperry & Barnes, extensive brokers in beef and pork, who have a branch office at No. 38 Whitehall-st., their main office being in

Kobbe was employed jointly by Sperry & Barnes and Bamfield Brothers. He had been in the employ of the latter firm several years and was regarded with implicit latter firm several years and was regarded with implicit confidence. He had charge of their exchange business, and it was part of his duties to sell the bills of exchange drawn on the Liverpool firm by their agents. Sperry & Barnes. Last summer Charles Bamfield, previous to sailing for England, introduced Kobbe to the various bankers who were in the habit of buying his exchanges, and told them that Kobbe was his trusted employe, and had entire charge of his exchange business. Among others to whom he thus commended Kobbe was the firm of Jesup, Paton & Co., bankers, of No. 52 William-st. Kobbe enjoyed to such an extent the confidence of his employers that sometimes, according to Detective Pinkerton, Mr. Sperry, when exceedingly busy, would sign drafts in blank and when exceedingly busy, would in by Kobbe. On November leave the amount to be filled in by Kobbe. On November 27 Kobbe thus filled out a draft for £2,402 5s. 3d; on December 3 one for £4,8170s.8d. and on December 5 one for £6,2450s.10d. These drafts were taken to Jesup, Paton & Co., and sold the usual way; they were

A STATEMENT BY SPERRY & BARNES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] New-Haven, Jan. 4.—Concerning the forge-ries of E. H. Kobbe, the New-York shipping clerk of Sperry & Barnes, wholesale meat dealers of this city, a member of the latter firm said to a reporter to-day; The statement in the morning papers that the forgery in all amounted to \$100,000 is untrue. It amounted to \$65,000, and all except something like \$5,000 of that has been recovered from blm. I think that Van Arsitale, the man who accompanied Kobbe to Chicago and helped him been recovered from blm. I think that Van Arsdale, the man who accompanied Kobbe to Chicage and helped thut to spend some of the money, was the cause of the young man's fall. Kobbe had no expensive habits, was married and lived in a handsome flat in New-York. He was not crippled for money."

VALUE OF THE UNITED STATES CENSUS.

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It is not easy to withers without a pang of enys the stately procession of volumes that Issue from the Census Office of the Department of the Interfor at Washington. Naturally, one seeks to compare with them the fruits of the labors of our own Census Commissioners, and to find something that will graffly national self-satisfaction. In truth, however, a comparison is barely possible. These to whom has been intrusted the task of collecting, systematizing and tabulating the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British statistics of population, in 1881, have done the British and the part of the British and Indian in the British manner and ability which is placed in the British manner and Indian in the British and Indian in the Indian in Indian in the Indian in I

A FRESH AIR CONTRIBUTION. THE TRIBUNE has received \$5 from Norwich, N. Y., contributed by the Congregational Church of that place for the Fresh Air Fund. The money has been placed to the credit of the fund for use next sammer.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT VILLARD.

HIS PLACE NOT FILLED-THE COMPANY'S CONDITION

AND BUSINESS-MR. OAKES'S REPORT. The directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad mpany held a long meeting yesterday. The resignation company acad a room means year the company acad a room as a firector was laid on the table. His successor as president was not chosen, and, although the question aturally came up, there was no discussion over it. On: of the officers of the company said, after the meeting, that there seemed to be a reluctance on the part of every member of the Board to take any decided action. Mr. Villard's letter of resignation was in a scaled envelope, which was opened by Vice-President Oakes in his official capacity. The resolutions afterward adopted were said to have been drafted by different members of the Board, but the names of the directors who presented them were not made public. The vote on them was unanimous. Mr. Villard, who has never received any pay as president of the company, was given an annual salary of \$10,000 for the time that he had served. The meeting was adjourned subject to the cr'l of the special committee appointed to select a new president.

MR. VILLARD'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION. Mr. Villard's letter of resignation is as follows:

To the Board of Directors of the Northern Pacific Rat

To the Board of Directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad Commany:
I hereby offer my resignation as president of the company, and as a member of your Board. I feel constrained
to take this step for two reasons: one is, that I am suffering from nervous prostration, which renders me no
longer capable of properly discharding my official duties,
and my physicinas advise absolute abstentation from
all active employment as a condition of the recovery of
my health. The other reason is that, in my own opinion, no
less than in that of my personal and business friends, the
interests of the company call for a severance of my connection with it.

It is a sad reflection that such should be the unjust resail of the years of severe labor and consuming anxiety
which I have spent in my endeavor to serve the company
conscientiously and to the best of my ability. But my
feelings shall not stand in the way of the welfare of the
stockholders. I am consoled by an abiding condidence
that the future will completely vindicate all that I have
done. I may, as soon as my health permits me, ask the
privilege of submitting to you a summary of my administration of the company's affairs. Allow me to express
to you, in conclusion, my sincere thanks for the cordial
support and appreciative sympathy you have at all times
extended to me.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED. The following resolutions, after the letter had been

read, were adopted:

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Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. Villard of the office of president of this company be and the same is hereby accepted.

Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. Villard as a director of this company be tald upon the table.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed, consisting of Messers, Morgan, Billings, Chency, Belmont, Harris and Buillitt, to consider what action should be taken by the Board on the retirement of Mr. Villard; also what course to pursue in relation to the selection of a successor.

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THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS. At a former meeting of the Board of Directors you w advised us to the arrangement entered into with the Transcontinental Association, which embraces all lines engaged in overland transportation, by which Portland,

Transcontinental Association, which embraces all lines energed in overland transportation, by which Portland, Oregen, and San Francisco were made common points, this company receiving a proportion of the San Francisco business in exchange for a proportion of the Portland business. This plan was more or less experimental, in order to betermine what share of the San Francisco business this company could properly claim in the prospective pool. The plan not working satisfactorily, it was decided that a natural division of territory would be more equitable to all concerned.

The tournage from eastern terminal points to the Pacific coast for the three months ending November last was 19,686,163 pounds. The cast bound tournage for the same period was 3,475,767 pounds. Total both ways, 23,161,930. The freight business on the Eastern Division has so far proved gratifying. The castic shipments for the fall of 1883 amounted to 2,505,474 pounds and the hide shipments to 1,702,116 pounds. This shows an increase of 53 per cent in the shipments of wool, and 112 per cent in the shipments of hides. Most of this business goes east via Duinth. The wheat shipments since July 1 amount to 263,390,761 pounds. (3,89,849 bushels). This is an increase over 1882 of 90,550,294 pounds. (1,509,171 bushels). It is estimated that there will remain of this season's crep to be shipped after January 1, 1884, 2,500,000 bushels.

The mineral shipments from Montana have amounted to but 1,820 tons thus far, but the opening of the Helena and Jefferson Branch, reaching as it does the mines of the Alta Mentana, Gregory and other companies, will afford an outlet for many thousand tons of low-grade over that would not otherwise lear transportation, and we have assurances from the managers of the mines of the contents indicate that about 30 per cent of the entire luming ration to the Northwest Paclific coast sought the latest sand country.

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year. The tonnage from the Butte section will be immense. Large reduction works are now under construction, which will reduce the low grade ores, that could not heretofore be shipped, to matte. The amount of copper ore and matte to be shipped from Butte this year is estimated at 60,000 tons.

The recent discovery in Cœur d'Alene Mountains, promises to be of great importance to our interests. The country is extremely rich in silver, tellurium and free milling gold. A good wagon road of forty miles is open from Heron to the mining camps, and steps are being taken to develop another route from Rathdrum, also on our main line. In the reduction of ores large quantities of coke are consumed, and that commonly used is Councilsville coke from Pennstvania. In June we shipped 1,000 tons from Duluth to Helena for experimental purposes, from which we derived \$13 per ton. The English coke, however, from 800th Wales—a small amount of which has reached Helena from Portland—is admitted to be superior, and will doubtless divide the market with the native coke.

It was said by one of his friends yesterday, that Mr. It was said by one of his friends yesterday, that Mr.

Villard's health was improving steadily. He was able now to take a short walk in the open air every day. AN ASSIGNMENT BY MR. VILLARD. Henry Villard filed with Register Reilly yesterday an

assignment for the benefit of creditors. By the instrument he has transferred to William Endecott, jr., of Boston, and Horace White of this city his possessions in the block bounded by Fiftieth and Fifty-first sts. and Madison and Fourth aves., together with his house, which is erected upon the Madison-ave, front. In conveying the property he excludes the land and buildings which he recently sold to his legal advisers. Certain restrictions and conditions are mentioned in the document, to which the property is subject. The trustees are instructed to disthe property is subject. The trustees are instructed to dispose of the real estate at public or private sale and to apply all moneys which derive therefrom, first to the payment of the interest of a mortgage for \$200,000 upon the property; and secondly, to carry out any existing contracts for the completion of the edifice now under course of construction, and provision is made for the payment of any indebtness now owing by Mr. Villard to the Oregon Ruilway and Navigation Company. The instrument further recites that the residue and remainder, after disposing of the entire indebtedness, shall be turned over to Mrs. Fanny Garrison Villard.

THOMAS F. OAKES FOR PRESIDENT.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. St. Paul, Jan. 4 .- Private but thoroughly rustworthy advices recoived here to-day are to the effect that Thomas F. Oakes, vice-president of the Northern Pacific road, will be chosen to succeed Mr. Viliard. It is said by officials here that Frederick Billings could have had the presidency, and that in fact he was offered it and declined. The local officials of the Northern Pacific have all along had a strong desire to see Mr. Oakes placed at the helm. Many of them are his old associates, and the harmonious operation of all departments is due in great measure to the loyalty of their various heads to the ger measure to the loyalty of their various heads to the general manager. Mr. Oakes has the hostility of one or two directors; but his ability a-s a practical railroad man commands condidence enough to sustain him in the management of the road. The state that was telegraphed from New-York to-day was Thomas F, Oakes for president and general manager, Adna Anderson, now chief engineer, for general superintendent, and T. Odell, now assistant general manager for the Eastern division, for superintendent of transportation for the whole line. John Mair will stay at the head of the traffle department. The selection of Mr. Oakes is recarded as a practical approval of Villard's policy of operating the road.

TARIFF RATES REDUCED.

A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT-THE COMMISSION-ER'S ORDER.

The Standing Committee of the trunk line railroads decided yesterday to reduce east-bound freight rates on the basis of a reduction of ten cents per 100 pounds from Chicago to New-York. The reduction is made pending a conference of all the roads included in the Joint Executive Committee on next Thursday for the purpose of replacing the old broken-down agreements to maintain rates with new and effective measures. The order of the Commissioner reads as follows:

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From information received at this office it appears that, while there is a general disposition of all roads represented on the John Executive Committee to maintain rates, the rates are not maintained, the reason for which may be in the imperfect control over outside lines and general want of confidence. Under the action of the Standing Committee (see circular 561) I am obliged to notify you of a reduction of rates on eighth-class to the basis of 20 cents per 100 pounds, Chicago to New-York, and on seventh-class to the basis of 25 cents per 100 pounds, and on hogs 25 cents, to take effect on Saturday, the 5th instant, to be in force only until proper arrangements can be made for the restoration and permanent maintenance of established lariff. A meeting of the Joint Executive Committee is hereby called for Thursday, January 10, at 11 o'clock a m. at the office of the committee, to inquire into the causes of the present unsettled condition of rates, and with the view of restoring the tariff, if found practicable. Under the rules of the committee (see Rule 5, Chreular No. 257, Proceedings of 1881), in case temporary reductions are made to meet cut rates, the established tariff will be restored as suon as unauthorized reductions are discontioned, without ten days' previous notice, and for this reason engagements for carrying freight under the reduced tariff must only be made from day to day.

Albert Fink.

LOCAL RAPID TRANSIT FACILITIES. GENERAL VIELE'S PROPOSED RAILROAD-A LETTER FROM HENRY BERGIL.

General Egbert L. Viele explained to the Rapid Transit Commissioners yesterday a map of the route of the proposed railroad extending down Lexingten-ave, through Gramerey Park and Irving-place to through Great Jones-st. to Bleecker; down Crosby-st. to Grand; through the block to Howard and Elm sts; thence to Reade st.; through private property to Conand through Beaver and Whitehall sts. to the South Ferry. The road is to be built on the cable system throughout and the part extending from Great-Jones-st, to Wall-st, will be elevated.

Commissioner Thomas E. Stewart read a letter from Henry Bergh in which he says: "It is a waste of timeand a cruel infliction on man and beast, to longer hesitate about substituting some other power for the generous animals which struggle and die in this impossible animals which struggle and die in this impossible service. The plan employed by the cities of Chicago and son Francisco, and now being considered by the Rapid Transit Board, seems to commend itself to the favorable notice thereof." After politing out objections to the "slot" Mr. Bergh says: "If these objections can be overcome, I do not hesitate to declare that the National Cable Company will have solved the problem as to personal locomotion in the metropolis."

A communication was also received from E. S. Batley, of No. 7 Pine-st., setting forth his belief that there is urgent need of more rapid transit facilities.

Charles P Shaw has been appointed counsel for the Commissioners and has been requested to give an opinion upon what streets and avenues the Board has the right to lay out a route, or routes, for a railway or railways; and also as to how far and to what extent the Beard is restricted or limited as to streets or avenues for such purposes."

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In executive session a communication was received from Constant A. Andrews, vice-president of the National Cable Company, announcing that arrangements had been made to take the Commissioners to Chicago and Cable Company, washeader. tarting at 9 s. m. on Wednesday. The Commissioners adjourned to 3:30 to-day.

RAPID TRANSIT FOR HUDSON COUNTY. The rapid transit scheme which was started about two years ago by the North Hudson County Railway Company is about to be accomplished. The scheme contemplates an elevated railroad from the Hoboken ferry to Jersey City Heights; thence to the northern part of Hudson County. A year or more ago President John H. Bonn, of the North Hudson County Railway Company, endeavored to secure the passage of an ordinance by th Hoboken Common Council, permitting the construction of the elevated road through Hoboken, but the Council demanded the payment of a large sum of money to the city for the franchise, which the company refused to pay. In May, when a new Council came into power, the fran-In May, when a new Council came into power, the fran-ohise was granted, the company having purchased the right of way. A contract has been awarded to the Passate Rolling Mill for the fron work, and the construc-tion of the road will be begun as soon as the frost leaves the ground. The estimated cost of the new road is \$300,000. The cars will be run by cable traction similar to that used by the Bridge cars.

BROOKLYN ELEVATED BONDHOLDERS. A meeting of the bondholders of the Brookyn Elevated Railroad was held yesterday afternoon at the St. Nichelas Hotel. Hugo Rothschild presided. He and Isaac L. Rice read agreements which they asked the bondholders and stockholders to sign, in order that money might be raised to finish the road to Bedford ave. The first agreement was that as soon as \$100,000, the sum required to finish and equip the road to Bedfordave., should be subscribed, Hugo Rothschild should call a meeting of the subscribers to this fund to elect six trustees to act with him. Unless the \$400,000 should be subscribed before February 1, the whole agreement would be void. The second agreement was in regard to a reorganization of the company with its capital stock amounting to \$5,000,000, and the reduction of the nominal value of the company's stock fifty per cent. Speeches

Eastern freight traffic to the Albany and Susquehanna and Hoosac Tunnel route from Binghamton.

THE BURLINGTON'S INDEPENDENT SPIRIT. IT WILL NOT JOIN THE NEW WESTERN ALLIANCE-

NEGOTIATIONS NOT ENDED. CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4 .- The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Rallroad Company decilnes to enter into the new Western Rallway Alliance on the terms acepted by the four other Iowa roads. This is the result of the two days' conference between all the roads in interest. All the roads were represented to-day by their general managers. The proposition advanced to the Burlington road was that it should join the new pool on the same terms as the Northwestern ; but General Manager Potter, of the Burlington road, said he was prepared absolutely to decline this. The emergency had apparently been guarde I against, and the Burlington road was requested guarded against, and the Burlington road was requested to state on what terms it would negotiate. A counter proposition was then suggested, that, in order to maintain the rates and prevent a war, two distinct pools be formed, covering all competitive business on the line of the Union Pacific road as far west as Denver; the Union Pacific and its four present allies—the Northwestern, Rock Island, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and Wabash—forming one pool; and the Burlington and its branches forming the second pool. To this the Burlington was not prepared to return an answer, and an adjournment was taken antil January 17, to receive the Burlington's ultimatum. In case the Burlington road should decide to negotiate on the terms outlined, it is stated that the negotiations with the Union Pacific Company will necessarily be prolonged, in view of the numerous points touched by the two lines as direct competitors.

As a result of the conference it is now decreed positive that the fixed policy of the Burlington management is against forming a part of the new alliance, and signing a twenty-five years' contract. In this view the possibility of the Boards of Directors of the Northwestern and Wabash roads failing to sanction the entry of their respective roads has been raised; but it is not decreed probable that any of the four roads now in the alhance will withdraw. The likelihood of the Burlington road entering into any compact with the new alliance, even of a proposal for a separate pool, is deemed uncertain. As far as official expression is willing to go the Burlington road, in the event of the new alliance being maintained, will pursue a policy independent of any pooling arrangement whatever. General Manager Clark, of the Union Pacific road, left for Omaha to night.

MISCELLANEOUS RALLWAY INTELLIGENCE. to state on what terms it would negotiate. A counter

MISCELLANEOUS RAILWAY INTELLIGENCE. OMAHA, Jan. 4 .- Judge Dundy of the United States Court yesterday appointed William B Smyth, of Keokuk, receiver of the Hastings and Grand Island Railroad. He also issued a temporary injunction restraining the Burlington and Missouri and Republican Valley roads from crossing the Union Pacific at Grand Island until the right of way has been obtained, and the damages have been ascertained.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has purchased the Eastern Shore Railroad at a price approximating \$450,000. The Eastern Shore road runs from Delmar, Del., to Crisfield, Md., a distance of 38 miles.

Sr. Paul, Jan. 4.-The City Council granted the desired privileges last night to the Minnesota and Northern Raffread, a link in the Illinois Central's line from Manitoba to

> THE WEATHER REPORT. GOVERNMENT INDICATIONS.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- For New-England, vesterly winds, fair weather followed by increasing loudiness and local snows towards Saturday evening

falling barometer and slightly warmer weather.
For the Middle Atlantic States, partly cloudy weather. ocal rains or snows, slightly warmer followed by much older weather during Saturday night, variable winds shifting to northwesterly, falling barometer followed Sat-For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, light snowstorms

followed during Saturday by generally clearing weather, colder northwesterly winds, rising barometer, preceded in the eastern portion by a slight fall. For the Lower Lake region, local snowstorms, colder northwesterly winds, falling followed by rising barom-

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS

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The diagram anness the barumetrical exploitions to this city by tenths of lactice. The perpendicular times give divisions of time for the 24 hours perceiting midiagist. The irregular white line represents the oscillations by the mixery during those laure. The hydron of other direct expression in temperature, as indicated by the thermometer at Radmark Parameter, 130 Househours. TRIDUNE OFFICE, Jan. 5.-1 a. m .- The changes in

the barometer yesterday were slight. Cloudy fair clear weather prevailed. The temperature ranged between 15° and 21°, the a rage (17 5°) being 8% lower than on the corresponding day last year, and 740 lower than on Thursday.

Colder, partly cloudy or fair weather, probably followed by snow or rain may be expected to-day in this city and vicinity.

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCES.

SENATOR HARRISON'S QUALIFICATIONS. To the Editor of The Tribune.

SIR: I believe the nomination of General "Ben" Harrison for President by the Republican Con vention in Chicago in June would be enthusiastically ratified by the people at the polls in November. I had the honor to serve with General Harrison for three years in the Army, and have watched his career for nearly twenty years since. I am not a politician and have no personal interest in his nomination. I mame him because I think him eminently fitted to be President. He would henor

The fact that his grandfather was President has had its influence in shaping his reading and thinking and prepar-ing him for the highest civil duties. He has enjoyed the advantage of a thorough college training, of wide reading advantage of a thorough college training, of wide reading and of extended and varied acquaintance with men. He entertains liberal and just views of mational questions. He is, and has long been, recognized as one of the ablest inwyers in Indianapolis, a city noted for its legal talent. Whos Governor Morton died the Republicans of Indiana turned instinctively to Harrison as their leader. He has not disappointed them. He has served not only his party, but also his country well.

His personal character is above reproach. A Christian man without bigotry, a gentleman of refined manners, he will be able to carry to the edite of President the respect and the confidence of all classes of people.

Potsdam, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1884. T. J. Mongan.

ACTIVE RIVALRY IN TENNESSEE.

To the Editor of The Tribune. SIR: The contest for delegates from this district to the Republican Convention at Chicago next June trict to the Republican Convention at Chicago next Jian is going to be very exciting. Already the friends of Blaine and of Arthur are making preparations for the campaign, and the friends of each seem determined to stand by their champion to the last.

A undority of the Republicans of this district are for nominating Mr. Blains.

Columbia, Tenn., Jan. 1, 1884.

VOTES FOR THE PEDESTAL FUND.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sin: An easy way of raising funds for the Bartholdi Statue Pedestal would be to allow, say at the price of \$1 per vote, persons so disposed (and here I would be willing to give "female suffrage" a trial) to in-dicate their preferences for the Presidential candidates of

the Republican and Democratic conventions which are to assemble a few months hence.

It would have the double effect of contributing—I think largely—toward the necessary expenses of the pedestal, and at the same time give the public, and through it the conventions, some valuable bints as to the current of popular thought on what will soon be a matter of most ab-New-York, Jan. 2, 1884.

BROOKLYN DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

The Democratic members of the Brooklyn Common Council, in caucus last night, nominated Aider-men-at-large Theophilus Olona for proddent, ex-Assembly-man John J. Shanley for Clerk, and ex-Aiderman John Dwyer for Keeper of the Truants' Home.

DISTRIBUTING LOAVES OF BREAD. The Free Trade Club met at No. 220 Avenue A last night and distributed loaves of broad to those present. Speeches were made by Thomas Dugan and Louis F. Fost.

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

THE FATE WHICH OVERTOOK THE "CITY OF BOSTON," CAPTAIN MURRAY'S IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES.

A few years ago, the "City of Boston" sailed from harbor, crowded with an expectant throng of passengers bound for a foreign shore.

however, undoubtedly went to the north. Her boats, life-preservers and raits were all securely lashed; and when she went down, everything went with her, nover to re-appear until the sea gives up its dead."

"What, in your opinion, Captain, was the causa of the loss of the City of Boston?"

"The City of Limerick, in almost precisely the same latitude, a few days later, found the sea full of floating ice; and i have no doubt the City of Boston coilided with the ice, and sunk immediately."

Captain Murray has been in command of the Alaska ever uince she was put in commission, and feels justly proud of his noble ship. She carries thousands of passengers every year, and has greatly popularized the Williams & Guion Line. Remarking upon the bronzed and healthy appearance of the captain, the reporter said that sea life did not seem to be a very great physical trial.

"No! But a person's appearance is not always a tristworthy indication of his physical condition. For seven years with myself. At certain times I was so lame that It was difficult for me to move around. I could scarcely straighten up. I did not know what the trouble was, and though I performed all my duties regularly and satisfactority, yet I 'felt that I might some day be overtaken with some serious prostrating disorder. These troubles increased. I felt dull, and then, again, shooting pains through my arms and limbs. Possibly the next day I would feel flushed and unaccountably uneasy, and the day following, chily and despondent. This continued until last. December, when I was prostrated soon after leaving Queenstown, and for the remainder of the voyage was a helpless, pitiful sufferer. In January last, a friend who made that voyage with ne wote me a letter urging me to try a new course of treatment. I gladly accepted his counsel, and for the least seven months have given thorough and business-like attention to the recovery of my natural heath; and to-day I have the producented in the mait posson from my system. Indeed, to me, it seems that 't has worked wo

"And you have no trouble now in exposing yourself to the winds of the Atlantie!"

"Not the least. I am as sound as a bullet and I feel specially thankful over the fact because I believe rheumatic and kidney disease is in the blood of my family, I was dreadfully shocked on my last arrival in Liverpool to learn that my brother, who is a wealthy China tea merchant, had suddenly died of Brishi's disease of the kidneys, and consider myself extremely fortunate in having taken my trouble in time and before any more serious effects were possible."

The conversation drifted to other topics, and as the writer watched the face before him, so strong in all its outlines and yet so genial, and thought of the innuncrable exposures and hardships to which its owner had been exposed, he instinctively wished all who are suffering from the terrible rheumatic troubles now so common might know of Captain Murray's experience and the means by which he had been restored. Path is a common thing in this world, but far too many endure it when they might just as well avoid it. It is a false philosophy which teaches us to endure when we can just as readily avoid. So thought the hearty captain of the Alaska, so thinks, the writer, and so should all others think who desire happiness and a long life.

Francis & Loutrel's daily Memorandum Book

Francis & Loutrel's daily Memorandum Book for 1884 is a very neat, compact and complete little vol-ume. It contains are excellent almanae, a table of the rate stock investments pay, pages for each account, bill

Costiveness, or any Bilious symptoms, are removed effectually by Dr. Jayne's Sanative Pills.

Colgate & Co.'s Cashmere Bouquet Tollet Soap.—The novelty and exceptional strength of its perfume are the poculiar fascinations of this luxurious article.

Two experienced physicians of the Swift Special Com pany, Alianta, Ga., have located at No. 159 West Twenty-third st., and will be pleased to see all who are afflicted with blood or skin diseases. Examination an iconsultation free.

but are selling what we have at lower prices to make space for b. Hall, Nicoli & Grinbery. Entrances 20 and 22 John-st and 17 and 19 Maiden-lane.

MARRIED.

DEGEN-COFFIN-On the 2d of January, at the Bethesda (Episcopa) Church, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., by the Rev. Henry W Degon (grandfather of the groun), assisted by the rector, the Rev. Dr Jesseph Carrey, Livyd Russell Degen, of South Ornole, N. J., to Laura Fredericka Coffin, of Saratoga Springs.

toga Springs.

MOORE—SENNET—By the Rev. A. J. Canfield, Edward A. Moore, of New-York, to Mary Anne Seinnet, of Brooklyn.

PARKEE—GGREON—On Wednesday, January 2, 1884. At Christ's Church, Sawannah, by the Rev. Thomas Booms, Rector of the Parish, assisted by the Rev. J. Houston Eccleston, D. D., Richard Wayne Parker, of New-Jersey, and Eleaner Kindle Gordon, daughter of Whilam W. Gordon, of Savannah. Savannah.

RICE-HICKS-At Jamaina, L. I., on Thursday, January 3-

RICE—HICKS—At Jamaina, L. I., on Thursday, January & by the Right Rev. A. N. Littlejohn, Hishop of Long island the Rev. Edwin B. Rice, rector of Grace Church, Jamaica, and Zella Caroline, daughter of George A. Hicks.

SETON—PARRISH—On January 3, by the Rev. N. N. Mc-Kinnon, S. J., William Scion, of New-York, to Sarah id., daughter of the late Islanc Parrish, M. D., of Philadelphia.

BEELEY—CHENEY—On January 3, 1884, at All Souls' Charch, in this city, by the Lev. Theodore C. Wildeman, Manule, daughter of George A. Cheney, of Essex, Conn. to William Graydon Seeley, of Chicago. All notices of marriages must be indorsed with full

DIED.

BURTIS—In Brooklyn, N. Y. January 3, 1884, Charles IL. Burtis, in the 30th year of his age. Relatives, friends and members of Fort Greene Lodge, No. 854, I. O. O. F. are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, from his late residence, No. 30 Middaglest, on Saturday, the 5th inst., at 2 p. m. Interment later.

BRINSMADE—At his bence in Brocklya, Thursday, January 3, Januar Beeboe Brinsmade, in the ooth year of his aga. Funcal service on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, from his late residence, 105 Columbia Heights.
Interment at Albany, Please omit flowers.

COE-At Euglewood, N. J., on Thursday, January 3, Almiras Stanley, wife of George S. Coe, in the doth year of her age. Feneral services at her late residence, Englewood, N. J., at 11:30 a. m., on Monday, 7th lost.
Trains leave foot of Chambersat, via Northern Ratiroad of New Jersey, at 10 a. m. Returning, leave Englewood at 14:10 h. 1.4 p. in. arriages will be in watting.

DUMONT-On January 4, of preumonia, at his residence, Samuelt, N. J. Robert Damont, in the 7-th year of his age. Funeral from Church of the Holy Trinity, Madissonave, and 42d st., Munday morning at 11 o'clocks. Princide of the family invited to attend without further notice DARDNER—On Saturday, the 22th alt, after a long lilness, at Vernon, Onelda County, N. Y., Dr. H. Dwight Gardner, of Utlea, N. Y., in the 25th year of his age.

of Utloa, N. Y., in the 20th year of his age.

LANDER(B.-A. New-Bittain, Conn., Thursday, January 3, Catharino, wife of George M. Landers, in the 67th year of Piners of Piners

MORE-At Rock Island, Ill., Tuesday, January 1, 1884, Mary, youngest daughter of Sarah and the late W.C. More, of Rondout, N.Y., aced 77 years. Functal services will be held in the Pirst Pressylerian Church, at Rondout, on Saturday, January 6, at 2 p. in. McHARG-Suddeuly, in the 72d year of age, John McHarg, formerly of Albany. Funeral services from his son's house, No. 10 West 53d at., on Monday afternoon at 3 schools.

NORTON-Athia residence in Bridgeport, Cons., on Westnes-day morning, January 2, of homorrhage of the brain, Dr. L. H. Norton Funeral, from the late residence, No. 123 Fairfield ave, on Funeral from his late residence, No. 123 Fairfield ave, on Saturday, January 5, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend. Intermental Meannain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Conn. PEARSALL—Julia A, beloved wife of Samuel B. Fearsall, of Stantsburg, Dutchess County, on Thursday, January 3, in the 72d year of her sige. Burtal at Greenwood Cettery on Monday, 7th Inst., from Grand Central Depot at 11 39 a. in. Friends are respectfully invited.

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PECK-On Finday morning, January 4, 1884, Andrew W.

Peck, in the 94th year of the age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his
fineral services on Sunnay next, at 3 o'clock, p. m., from the
residence of the grand-laughter, Mrs. William Moores, Na.
131 West 170th-8t.

TALBERT On Fisher, the 4th inst. Mrs. Sarah A. Taibert, in the 77th year of her age. Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her son, B. O. Taibert, No. 28 East 120th-st, on Sunday, the 6th inst, at 4 p. m. Kindly omit Bowers.

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STURGISH—studdenly, on Wednesday, January 2, 1884. Margaret Dawes Appleton, whlow of Russell Storgts.
Puneral services will be held on Saturday, January 5, at 11 o'clock a. m., at her late residence, No. 307 East 17th at.

Special Notices

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Letters for Europe need not be specially directed for lispatch by any particular stammer in order to secure specify dilivery at desimation, as all transatiantic mails are for warded
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Foreign mails for the wook ending January 5 will close at
this office as follows:

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HENRY O. PEARSON, Postmatet. Post Office, New York, N. Y., Documber 78, 1888. The European and American Medical Bureau books will show that their cured patients are weastly citizens, Government, Army and Navy officers, who had been unsuccessfully treated for mental, pervous and physical dobility, arithures, prostate claud, bladder and sidney diseases, by the most eminute probased surgeons in this country and Europe. Their New-York physician has made those diseases a specially 54 years, and is at 1,100 Breatway, day and eventor. His 20-cent medical work on those diseases has saved thousands from suffering and premature graves.

Plymouth Church, Brushlya. (Lev. H. W. BEECHER'S).

All the pews and reptable atsic chaits in this house will be sublicity rented for one year of TUESDAY EVENING, the other forms of the TUESDAY EVENING, the of January, 1884, without regard to the weather. Commencing at 7 o'clock. By order of the Trustees, the SWELD, Clerk Board Trustees.